

# ◆ The Lamoine Quarterly ◆

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## Voters accept Athletic Field Project

*Construction begins July 5th*

(Lamoine) — By an overwhelming margin, voters gave approval to use of land behind the Lamoine Consolidated School for construction of an athletic field complex. When it's done, there will be a softball, baseball, and soccer field sitting on approximately three-and-a-half acres.

The vote on June 15 was 132 in favor and 12 opposed. The Selectmen opted to place the issue to town meeting, feeling town authority to use the land was important for the project to proceed.

The political hurdle was one of two the ballfield sub-committee of the Lamoine School Board had to overcome. The project also had to get Planning Board Approval. A hearing before that board on June 22nd and drew no opposition. The Planning Board unanimously endorsed the project.

The athletic field project was spearheaded by School Committee member Lori Boynton, along with Mill Road

resident Steve Fellis and local contractor Richard King. Backing them are volunteers ready to get the project rolling on July 5th.

At a public hearing on June 3rd, preceding the town meeting vote, questions were asked about increases in traffic the field might bring. It was explained the spring concert at the school the previous night draws more traffic than baseball games generally do.

The project begins on the 5th, and volunteers should contact Mrs. Boynton. Donations will be accepted by Bill Dickey at 1471 Shore Road, Lamoine, ME 04605. A street dance to raise funds is tentatively planned at the School on July 17th. Mrs. Boynton says the committee would like to raise \$20,000 to cover the cost of some materials which cannot be donated. The committee was working on a formal calendar for the final work schedule at publishing time.

## Town Office to close briefly in August

*Business will be conducted at school*

(Lamoine) — The floors at the Lamoine Town Office will be sanded and refinished beginning the first week in August. That means the town hall will be closed during the first two weeks of August.

The Lamoine Consolidated School will serve as the temporary base of operations for the town office. Because the Administrative Assistant will be on vacation the first week, the School Office will run normal town office functions on Thursday, Friday and Saturday (August 5, 6 & 7). The School Office will then reopen on Monday and Tuesday the 9th & 10th, be closed Wednesday the 11th for a Town Management Convention, then open Thursday the 12th through Saturday the 14th during the

regular business hours. The telephone at the town office will indicate that people requiring information must call the Lamoine School at 667-8578.

The floors at the town office were last finished in 1991 when the building was renovated. Only a thin layer of protective coating was put on the floors at the time, and it has worn out in several places. The new job will put a much thicker coating on the floor, after sanding the floors and restaining the wood. The work will be performed by Thomas McIntire, a Lamoine resident with considerable experience in floor refinishing. Mr. McIntire bid \$2,950 for the job, which the Selectmen accepted. The work will be paid from the administration budget.

The project is likely to create a lot of chaos in the Town Office, with many unforeseen complications from being shut down for a couple of weeks. The staff and Selectmen will deal with them as needed. The biggest issue will be clearing out the offices and moving the proper materials to the school office for car registrations, hunting and fishing licenses and the like. We will be unable to move the property records, however a computer printout of the records will be available at the school. The tax billing process generally takes place about this time, but will be delayed until afterwards.

## New Fire Truck Arrives

(Lamoine) — After quick approval at a special town meeting in May, the Lamoine Fire Department took delivery on a 1975 American LaFrance pumper truck. The "new" truck has a six person passenger compartment, and a 1,500 gallon per minute pump. It is in excellent condition, and went into service in mid-June.

The department began searching for a used fire truck to replace a 1958 American LaFrance pumper which needs more service than it is worth. That truck will be sold. The 1975 pumper was found using the Internet. An equipment dealer in Illinois had it listed for sale, and the department called for more information. Chief Engineer Mo Oliver and Lieutenant Ed Farnsworth flew to Orland Park Illinois to test the truck and found it to be in pretty good condition. The sale price was negotiated down to \$37,000, as some repairs were needed on the engine and some of the valves.

The fire department put a down payment on the truck, pending approval at town meeting, which came with little discussion. The truck arrived in town on



*The "New" Engine 403*

May 29th via flatbed truck, and was off loaded at the city garage in Ellsworth which had a loading dock area the correct height.

The department began the process of moving the various pieces of equipment from the old Engine 403 onto the 1975 truck, and outfitting the truck to work well in line in the Lamoine fleet. It also took several repairs to the engine to bring things up to snuff, including some repairs to the exhaust manifold, replacing the fuel injectors, and a new air filter.

Chief Engineer Oliver reports the truck runs well. Chief Skip Smith says the truck should serve for 15-to-17 years.

## New Building & Land Use Ordinance Passes

(Lamoine) — The annual town meeting handily adopted a revised Building & Land Use ordinance which divides the inland areas of town into three zones. The vote passed in referendum 118 to 42, or by a nearly 3 to 1 ratio.

The ordinance also writes the subdivision ordinance into the same document. It is set up into three sections which are more user friendly. The document also brings the town more into compliance with the comprehensive plan passed in 1996.

It was not an easy process to get to the point where the ordinance was ready for final passage. The Planning Board started the process shortly after the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in '96, hiring the Hancock County Planning Commission to draft up an ordinance. While that process proved less than satisfactory, it did produce some basics on which to

formulate the plan, most notably a table of land uses on which to start the zoning work.

Alternate Planning Board member Gordon Donaldson then picked up the ball, merging the computerized copies of the existing building ordinances and the subdivision ordinances together, and getting a rough draft for the board to put the finishing touches on.

A pair of hearings were held in March before the town meeting at which final revisions to the document came after many citizen suggestions. At the final hearing before the Selectmen, there was no stated opposition to the new ordinance, except for the subdivision fees. The ordinance approved in April set those fees at \$200/lot, which some felt was excessive. At a special town meeting in May, the fee was dropped to \$50/lot.

## Appeals Board News

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Board of Appeals met on June 16th to consider a variance request from Harold and Claire Getchell to locate a garage closer to an abutting property line than allowed by local ordinance. The Appeals Board denied the variance request from the Getchells, as the proposal would have placed the garage within ten feet of the abutting property line. A variance can only be granted for a 20 to 25 foot setback. The Board also felt there are ways to place the garage in compliance with the local ordinance.

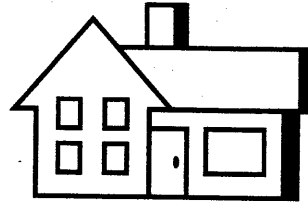
Terry Towne's term on the Board of Appeals expired on June 30th, and he requested not to serve again, as it conflicts with his activity as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer. His place was taken by Warren Craft Sr. of the Shore Road. Fred Stocking was reappointed to the board.

The Appeals Board meets on an as needed basis.

## Federal Appeal Dropped

(Bangor) — A federal lawsuit filed by landowners John & Anita Burns and judged in the town's favor was appealed to the First Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston. The appeal was then dropped by the Burns, who had represented themselves in the federal court action. The suit

named the Town of Lamoine and former plumbing inspectors John Fink and Sally Bell. The town had revoked a subsurface septic disposal permit on the recommendation of the State Department of Human Services. The land in question did not pass, and has yet to pass a soil test, and the



## Building Activity Picks Up

(Lamoine) — Construction activity has hit a fever pitch and Lamoine is no exception. The following building permits were issued since the last edition of the Lamoine Quarterly.

Nbr	Name	Type
99-03	John Walls	Home/Barn
99-04	George Crawford	Shed
99-05	Charles Weber	Greenhouse
99-06	Donald Knowles	Addition
99-07	William Parkinson	Porch
99-08	Jackie Haines	Greenhouse
99-09	Michael Becker	Residence
99-10	Rita Hicks	Residence
99-11	Lisa McGlothlin	Deck
99-12	Leonard Moon	Garage
99-13	Robert Saffel	Barn
99-14	Brian Stan	Workshop
99-15	Donald Harris	Addition
99-16	Winslow Moore	Addition
99-17	Harold Getchell	(denied)
99-18	Peter Farragher	Residence
99-19	Kevin Whitaker	Mobile Home
99-20	Richard LaDeau	Residence
99-21	Ralph Miro	Sun Room
99-22	James Anderson	Residence
99-23	Michael Wilder	Residence
99-24	Susan Scott	Residence
99-25	Sisouk Southivong	Deck
99-26	Terry Towne	Addition
99-27	Chuck McDonald	Temp Home
99-28	Zelma McAlpine	Mobile Home
99-29	Erva Pinkham	Deck

Burnses were aware of that fact when they purchased the property. The Burnses claimed violation of their civil rights in the lawsuit.

The Town prevailed before Federal Judge Morton Brodie in Bangor. He ruled the statute of limitations to bring such a suit had expired after six years. The suit was filed nearly seven years after the permit revocation.

Attorney Mark Franco of Portland represented the Town, Mr. Fink, Ms. Bell, and the town's insurance carrier. The town will pay \$1,000 for the deductible.

## Election Day brings no surprises

(Lamoine) — There were no contested races for elected office in Lamoine at the April, 1999 town meeting, so the results were pretty easy to predict. Incumbent Glenn Crawford was re-elected as a Selectman with 136 votes. Bonnie Marckoon, who finished out an unexpired term on the school committee was elected to a full three year term with 153 votes. Hubene Brodie will serve for another year as the Town Clerk and Tax Collector. She gathered 159 votes. Terry Towne will serve a three year term on the Board of Assessors, winning election in his third try at the office with 120 votes.

Turnout for the election was approximately 15-percent, which is a little lower than usual for the annual town meeting elections. The lack of contested races may have kept some people from going to the polls, though the Building and Land Use Ordinance vote drew a fair amount of interest. Approximately 75 people came to the open town meeting the day following the election.

## Teacher verdict upheld by Court

(Lamoine) — A Superior Court judge has ordered the Lamoine School Committee to reinstate teacher Timothy Barlow to his old job. The judgement came after the School Committee appealed an arbitrator's ruling in favor of Mr. Barlow who was dismissed after an altercation with a student in 1998. The School Committee in late June voted 3-to-2 to appeal that ruling to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.

Faced with mounting legal bills and not enough budget to pay for them in the current fiscal year, the Lamoine School Committee asked for \$35,000 more from town meeting to cover costs.

At the annual town meeting, school committee chairman Griff Fenton explained the actions of the school committee in appealing an arbitrator's decision to order reinstatement of Mr. Barlow to his position. Mr. Fenton was unsure how much the final legal cost will be.

The \$35,000 will come from the balance forward in the current fiscal year. That will mean more money will have to be raised for the 1999/2000 budget as the balance forward will be lower.

## Uncapped Articles, Open Town Meetings Urged by Petition

(Lamoine) — A petition containing 67 signatures was turned in to the Board of Selectmen requesting a town meeting to dictate the way budget articles are written for presentation to the town. The Petition asks for voters to consider *"Any article which has a monetary value shall be worded in an open ended manner so that the article may be increased or decreased by a vote of the people at open town meeting. This article may only be repealed by a majority vote of a regular or special open Town Meeting."*

The petition was circulated by resident Jerry Jordan. He has said he was frustrated that the budget articles at the regular town meeting can be reduced from what the Selectmen place in the warrant but cannot be raised. He cited the Ellsworth Public Library request as an example. The Library had requested over \$6,000 in funding from the town. The Selectmen placed a \$2,000 funding article

in the town meeting warrant. Because of the way the question was worded, the amount could only be amended downward. (An attempt to designate the funds left over from the Ice Storm Fund for the library was ruled out of order by the moderator.)

The Selectmen sought two legal opinions in the matter. Maine Municipal Association advised that the question on the petition was indeed a valid question for a town to decide, although should it pass, there are specific cases in state law which require specific wording for budget questions. Attorney Chad Smith advised the Selectmen the question can be voted on by referendum, if the Selectmen so choose.

The Selectmen have scheduled the matter for a special town meeting vote to be held in conjunction with the statewide election on November 2nd. A public hearing on the question will be held in October. The Selectmen feel more people will respond to a referendum than to open town meeting.

## Appointments Made

(Lamoine) — The Board of Selectmen have made their annual town official appointments, and there will be some changes.

The Board of Appeals will have a new face. Warren Craft Sr. of Shore Road will sit on the board for the next three years. Mr. Craft has lived in Lamoine for the past several years and has shown an interest in town affairs and agreed to serve on the board. He will take the place of Terry Towne who chose not to serve again because of a conflict. Fred Stocking was also reappointed to the board.

The Planning Board will have the same faces, but in different positions. Perry Fowler becomes a full board member with Bob Sharkey opting for alternate status. Gordon Donaldson was reappointed for another alternate's term.

The Deputy Animal Control Officer (ACO) is retiring. Bryant Poors has served as the backup ACO for the past two years and did an outstanding job. He said he finds his business of removing pests keeps him busy enough. Interested individuals who wish to serve in this post should contact the Town Office.

The Selectmen also eliminated the jobs of Deputy Code Enforcement Officer and Alternate Local Plumbing Inspector. The Board felt there was not enough work to justify the positions.

## Legislation affects towns

(Augusta) — With nearly three thousand bills to consider, the Maine Legislature completed a very busy session in June. Many of those bills will affect town government.

The biggest, noticeable change, will be with vehicle registrations. A passenger car will cost \$25 dollars to register, up \$2. That takes effect October 1, 1999. The money raised through this and the increased gasoline tax will ensure that Lamoine and all other Maine towns continue to receive help with highway maintenance and repairs. At stake for Lamoine was over \$22,000.

The Legislature also voted to increase General Purpose Aid to Education. The new figure for Lamoine is approximately \$10,000 higher than the funds accepted at town meeting. This will help keep property taxes down by about a tenth of a mil.

Another change will affect funding for a salt/sand shed. A bill signed by Governor King removes the mandate for Lamoine to build such a shed, as we are a category 4 town (lowest priority). Because of that, the state will no longer fund such construction. The issue of salt/sand storage is one that may still face the town in a few years when the plowing contract expires.



*This pair of fox kits along with two others have frolicked for much of the spring at the Bartosenski home on Lamoine Beach Road. We thank Mary Bartosenski for the photograph.*

## WANTED DEPUTY ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

The position requires someone to be on call to handle animal complaints during daytime hours. Candidates must become trained within a year of appointment. Pay depends on qualification and experience. Mileage is reimbursed by the town. Apply to the Lamoine Town Office

## Tax Rate Increase Likely

(Lamoine) — Preliminary estimates indicate a modest tax rate increase for the fiscal year which ends in June 2000. Based on the amounts raised at town meeting in April and the preliminary assessment figures which are not finalized by any means, the projected tax rate is between 9.3 mills and 9.5 mills. The tax rate for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1999 was 9.0 mills. One mil raises approximately \$97,300, depending on the final valuation.

The key increases are in the school budget which used \$35,000 out of the balance forward to cover legal fees (see page 3), and a sizeable increase in the county tax which will help pay for the new Hancock County Jail.

## Dump Monitoring Begins

(Lamoine) — The Maine Department of Environmental Protection has begun to install monitoring wells around the old Lamoine landfill off Lamoine Beach Road. The project is utilizing state funds, and will measure what pollutants may be leaking into water underground from the landfill which stopped taking in trash in 1993.

A crew from Sanborn, Head & Associates arrived in Lamoine in late June to start drilling the four monitoring wells.

The wells will surround the southern end of the old dump which is the direction groundwater travels.

The town has monitored the private wells from homes around the landfill for well over a year, with varying yet mostly favorable results. One well has shown some signs of contamination, but it's unclear whether the dump is responsible. The landfill was capped in 1994 using a state grant.

## Y2K?

### No problem here

(Lamoine) — It's believed the change of year to 2000 next January should not cause any major catastrophe at the Lamoine Town Office. The computer software at the office has been tested, and the one program which failed was replaced. That was an accounting software package. The town tested its computers by changing the machine's dates to December 31, 1999 to see what would happen when the date changed to 2000. The hardware kept going, and the software, with the accounting program exception, showed no signs of problems.

The State Department of Human Services recently alerted municipalities to all sorts of terrible possibilities, ranging from massive power failures, transportation breakdowns, and general social mayhem. It is believed the emergency plan Lamoine has in place effectively deals with many of those eventualities, and if they should happen, the plan will be put into place. A specific plan for Y2K has not been developed, and is not likely to be developed because the general emergency plan is flexible enough to adapt for those needs.

## New Road Names Assigned

(Lamoine) — The town has two newly named roads, and the public safety agencies which supply services to the town have been notified.

**Fox Run** is the new name for the former Lawlor Lane. This road runs Southerly off Shore Road leading into the Lawlor subdivision. Residents asked for the name change and the name fits into the wildlife pattern of the roads off Shore Road.

**Mallard Lane** is the new name for Urann Creek Lane in the Partridge Cove Subdivision. This too fits in nicely with the bird naming scheme for that area. The homeowner on this road had requested the change because people often mispronounced the name.

Voters at the annual town meeting approved both name changes with no debate.

### New Map

A new road map of the local roads of Lamoine is available at the town office. The map is in very small print, but comes with a grid on the back listing each road and it's grid location. The map served as a basis for the cover for the town report

this year. It was constructed using somewhat advanced computer technology. An old map was scanned into the computer, then the new roads were drawn in piece by piece, and labels for the road names were electronically inserted.

The new map and a street guide were mailed to the Sheriff's Department, State Police, County Ambulance, and the fire departments in Trenton, Ellsworth, and Hancock for their use in mutual aid situations. The members of the Lamoine Fire Department all have a new map as well, and laminated copies will be placed into the fire trucks. Several training classes have focused on the new road names, and members report greater comfort with learning the road names.

## Preliminary Census Work Under Way

(Lamoine) — Another product of Y2K is the decennial census. The Town has worked with the Bureau of the Census to make sure all the homes in Lamoine are included on the maps used by enumerators to determine the town's population. It's not an easy process. The Census Bureau

has determined a number of homes using a unique mapping method which doesn't match up to anything currently in use. While we were able to match up most homes to the computer printout, new homes did not yet show up on the Census maps. The Count will be done next April 1st.



## Music for the Millennium

### Help Purchase a Piano for the Lamoine School

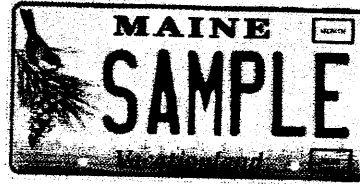
by Faith Perkins

(Lamoine) — In April, the Lamoine Patrons of the Arts initiated a campaign to purchase a piano for the music room at the Lamoine School. The school currently has one piano which travels the hallways and is used throughout the school. This piano will still be put to good use providing music for functions and in the classrooms. The new piano will stay in the music room. It will hold its tune since it won't travel around the school. It will enhance music training for all students and the many budding musicians in Lamoine.

The committee is asking people to participate in the campaign by making a contribution to purchase a "musical note" or a "piano key" on the piano poster at the Lamoine Town Office. Contributions can

range from \$2.00 to \$50.00 and beyond and can be sent directly to Anne Stocking, Treasurer, Lamoine Patrons of the Arts, 346 Lamoine Beach Road, Lamoine, ME 04605. All contributions are tax deductible.

The Lamoine Patrons of the Arts are a group of people interested in providing arts events for the Lamoine community. The committee has become known for sponsoring a mid-winter cabaret, but it has worked on a variety of projects including running a summer arts program for children and adults and providing funds for students to attend arts programs. If you are interested in joining the committee or would like to know more about it, contact Amy Duym at 667-7219.



## New License Plate Issue Begins

(Augusta) — Mainers who's vehicle registrations expire in July are the first to receive the new chickadee license plates. The new plates replace the lobster plates which have graced Maine vehicles since the mid-1980's. Lamoine received its first shipment of 500 new license plates in early June in anticipation of the new issue. The new plates will be given out at re-registration time only.

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles trained tax collectors from all Maine communities during the spring, including one class held at the Lamoine Town Hall.

Registrations which expire later in the year will keep the lobster plate until the registration expires. Vanity plate holders who've reserved their numbers will receive their plates in the mail 4-to-6 weeks prior to renewal time.

## OM Team 10th best in World!

*Highest ranked Maine team at competition*

(Knoxville, TN) — A hairy 26-hour bus ride from Lamoine to Tennessee was worth the effort as the OM team from Lamoine finished 10th in the world in their division. The CustOMer Service team made up of 7th and 8th grade students presented their Lamoine Lobster Lick Stick Cafe skit to the world competition and came away in the top ten. The planned skit actually finished 4th, while a performance on a spontaneous problem lowered the overall score to 10th.

The team was coached by Carol Duffy and Barbara Engstrom, and won the regional competition in Maine, earning the right to compete in the World Finals. Perhaps the bigger challenge was to raise the estimated \$8,000 needed to travel to the University of Tennessee and stay over for the competition. The kids and their parents sold raffle tickets for lobster, and held a penny drive at the school. The 5th grade class raised the most, winning a pizza party.

The team competed with 60 other teams in their division, including those from Great Britain, the Ukraine, Italy, Poland and Hungary. The team members and their parents stayed at a Holiday Inn, where the Lamoine Lick Stick Six worked hard perfecting the skit. The prepared skit involves a restaurant developing a vegetar-

ian lobster meal after a customer at the cafe complains.

Each team member received a town commendation signed by the Board of Selectmen and other town officials suitable for framing.



Photo by Barbara Engstrom

*The CustOMer Service team in Knoxville Tennessee consists of (front row l-r Jennifer Reynolds, Lauren Linscott, Bryan Duffy; back row Melissa King, Miranda Engstrom, and Mary Jones. The team finished 10th in the world in their division, the highest finish for any Maine team.*

## Lamoine Fills the Honor Roll

(Lamoine) — Lamoine saw some very bright students receive diplomas from area high schools in June. At MDI High School in Bar Harbor, Amy Swanberg graduated with honors. The first class to attend all four years at the new Ellsworth High School had a large contingent of Lamoine honor grads, including Jason Anderson (winner of the principal's award), Brandi Kimball, Mandy Latchaw, Amber Liebig, Erica Page, Travis Robertson, Rachel Smalldige, and Jodie Sprague. Each honor graduate received a nice certificate from the town for their achievement.

## School Personnel Changes

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School needs a new librarian as Mrs. Haertel has resigned. Mrs. Duffy has been assigned to 4th grade next year, while Mrs. Brooks will teach 6th grade. Mr. Edes, a 7th grade teacher, has left for a different job. Still unresolved is the music staffing.

## Dry Spring brings fire calls

(Lamoine) — A ban on burn permits during part of April helped keep the number of fires down, but a dry spell during May and June has the ground and forests in tinder dry condition as July begins. Burning is severely restricted and a few wildfires have been fought by the Lamoine Fire Department.

In April, a call on Patriot's Day brought nearly 20 firefighters to Pinkham's Flats when a neighbor noticed smoke across the road. Brush Truck (#405) quickly extinguished the flames and less than a tenth of an acre was scorched. A pickup truck was seen in the turnout shortly before the smoke was spotted, but the cause remains unknown.

In May, the Ellsworth Fire Department called on Lamoine to cover the station while their entire crew fought a blaze near the hospital. No serious damage was reported in that blaze.

The Hancock Fire Department was next to call for help as a summer home on Trowbridge Road burned flat and the fire spread into the woods. Several other

departments assisted at the scene. The smoke was spotted in Bar Harbor.

The Trenton Fire Department requested help when a church on Route 3 was hit by lightning. Crews from both departments and the ladder truck from Ellsworth put that blaze out with relatively minor damage.

Another wildfire began as a permitted controlled burn on Partridge Cove Road. Lawrence Alley said he had nearly finished burning a brush pile when he concentrated on another part of the yard and the wind picked up the fire. Lamoine crews were on the scene within six minutes of the call from a neighbor across the cove and used 2,500 gallons of foamed water to put the fire out. About two tenths of an acres was burned.

The next day, the department's rescue boat was utilized on a wildfire on Graham Lake in Township 8. The boat ferried firefighters to the scene. The town will be reimbursed by the State for use of the craft.

In late June, the fire department was the first responder to an accident on Lamoine Beach Road which left the drivers of both vehicles with injuries. The State Police are investigating the crash. County Ambulance transported Mary Turner of Lamoine to the hospital.

## Comprehensive Plan Funds Received

(Lamoine) — The town has received the last of the state grant funds available for implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. The check for \$1,275 pays for the final aspects of the plan, including the printing of the Building & Land Use Ordinance which passed at the April Town Meeting.

One of the big expenses the grant will pay for comes under records preservation. Although not the original plan, a computer upgrade including a scanner and CD ROM writer were purchased, and a fire alarm system installed in an effort to preserve and store vital record backups off-site. Part of the original grant for implementation had included historic preservation activity, and funding through the comprehensive plan was approved.

Most of the grant was used in previous years for technical assistance from the Hancock County Planning Commission which helped in development of the building ordinance.

## State Park paints local park sign

(Lamoine) — The crew at Lamoine State Park painted and reinstalled the sign at Lamoine Beach Park during the Memorial Day Weekend. Park Manager Jay McIntosh volunteered for the job as the State Park looks to become more involved in the community. The park crew also painted the posts and the landscape timbers around the garden, planted this year by Administrative Asst. Stu Marckoon & daughter Rebecca.



*The New Lamoine Beach Park Sign seems to gleam. Thanks to Lamoine State Park's crew for a job well done.*



*The crew from Richard King, Inc. graded the sides of the roads in June to help improve ditch drainage.*

## Paving Planned on 2 Roads

(Lamoine) — The most heavily traveled local road in Lamoine will get a new coat of pavement this summer on part of its length. The lower end of Buttermilk Road (from Jordan River Road approximately 1.25 miles toward Ellsworth) will receive an inch and a half of new pavement. A portion of the Shore Road will also be paved during the summer.

The work will be done by Lane Construction under the supervision of Pavement Management Services of Bucksport. Roger Picard, the supervisor, met with the Selectmen this spring to explain how the program works. While the pavement is not of the highest quality, Mr. Picard said it will last about the same amount of time as the top quality, and much higher priced "superpave" product. He said the local road designs limit the life of pavement to about ten years, if things go well. Paving is expected in early July.

## Road Work Raises Dust

(Lamoine) — Late fiscal year road work will help with drainage for years to come on several roads. Buttermilk, Shore, and Mill Roads received a shoulder grading. The process involves cutting out the shoulder from the edge of pavement so water can run smoothly into the established ditches. It has been several years since the process has been done on the local roads, and several shoulders were in rough shape. A road project on Needle's Eye was also authorized this year.



## April Brides out- number June

(Lamoine) — April was the big month for marriages in Lamoine, as three couples tied the knot.

Congratulations to **Robert Hickman and Bonnie Jo Seavey** of Ellsworth who were married at her mother's home on Walker Road by District Attorney Michael Povich on April 10th.

**Steven Valteau and Bethany Hanson** were married in Tremont on April 17th by Reverend Wayne Buchanan. The couple resides on Sugarbush Drive. She teaches art in Hampden, he is an artist in residence at the Gilley Museum in Southwest Harbor.

**Herbert Spencer and Stephanie Nash** of Ellsworth were married on April 17th as well at the home of William Butler on Birchlawn Drive. Mr. Butler, a Notary Public, performed the marriage.

The final marriage of the quarter was performed by Reverend David Henry and united **William Kline and Georgina Murray**. Mr. Kline owns a home on Shore Road and his bride is from Blue Hill, where the wedding took place.

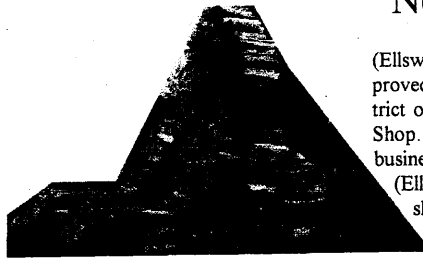
## ...And now a word from your Town Clerk...

A year has passed and I'm still here. I came to this position very naive as to what is involved in the job of Town Clerk/Tax Collector. My experience with town government was also very limited. Since I had a bookkeeping background with the military I thought I'd give it a shot.

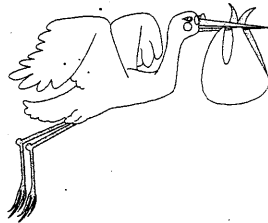
Fortunately, I had Barbara Bartosenski to give me lots of training and guidance. Millie Davis gave me a crash course on tax issues, and Stu Marckoon has stood by me and guided me all year.

This has been a challenging experience. I've enjoyed meeting everyone and becoming involved in the community. Lamoine is a wonderful place to call home. I give you my deepest appreciation and thanks for being patient and accepting me as your Town Clerk. I look forward to another year.

*Hubene Brodie, Town Clerk*



**The Orzellian Sphinx**  
*Although it doesn't print well in black and white, you must see George Orzel's wood pile on Clamshell Alley. If you can't make out the picture, it is stacked to resemble the Sphinx of Egypt. Certainly one of the 7 wonders of Lamoine!*



## New Arrivals

(Lamoine) — The birth rate picked up for a while in the spring, but not enough to bring Dr. Madrell out of retirement.

Congratulations to **Robin Andrea Henry**, daughter of Rev. David and Mary Henry arrived on April 14th. It's the 2nd child for the Henry's. While Robin arrived home just in time for town meeting, the balloting crew had to settle for a picture while big sister Kelly entertained and Dad voted.

**Chelsea Mae Schroeder** was born on May 6th at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor, the 2nd daughter of David & Kim Schroeder. They reside on Douglas Highway in North Lamoine, and Chelsea has already visited the town office to pick up her birth certificate. (Mom drove).

The final new arrival is **John Walter Barr**, the first child of Tom and Beth Barr. John was born on May 20th at MDI Hospital in Bar Harbor. The Barrs live on Meadow Point Road, right next to Grammy, Natalie Barr.

## CD "Song for Andrea" Released

(Lamoine) — A compact disc called *Song for Andrea* was released in the spring. Proceeds of the CD will benefit the children of Andrea Lockhart who were orphaned when their mother was murdered

## News of neighbors

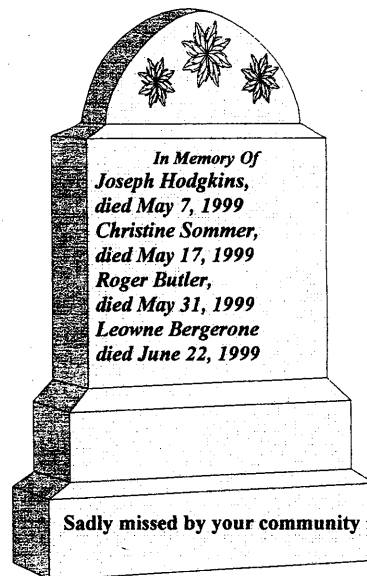
(Ellsworth) — The city council here approved a new tax increment financing district on High Street, next to the Giant Sub Shop. No word yet if any lots in the business park are sold.

(Ellsworth) — The city hall will get a shiny, new copper roof starting in the summer. The city approved the project which will complement the renovations at city hall.

(Trenton) — Voters at the annual town meeting rejected a school addition to relieve overcrowding. The school board has several other options to explore.

(Trenton) — The fire department has purchased a thermal imaging camera which allows firefighters to see victims and fire through the smoke. The camera was used successfully on a steeple fire in May.

(Hancock) — Major changes in town government personnel. Administrative Assistant Luann Corkins has resigned, following the resignation of Town Clerk Patricia Brown. Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright (who also serves Lamoine) has also given Hancock notice she intends to leave to pursue a similar position in the Eddington. She will continue to serve in Lamoine, signing a new one year contract in June.



in December 1998, allegedly by her estranged husband.

Lamoine musician Fredi Cahn and many others collaborated on the piece which is on sale locally and enjoys good reviews.

## JULY 1999-TOWN OF LAMOINE SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>The Planning Board will not meet in July. The Code Enforcement Officer will change her office hours to Tuesdays beginning in July. Consult the Town Office.</i>				1-Selectmen 6:15 PM Fire Dept 7PM	2-Assessors Meet, time TBA	3-Town office closed
4	5-Town Office Closed Ballfield Pro- ject Starts	6	7	8-Fire Dept 7PM	9	10
11	12	13	14	15-Selectmen 6:15 Fire Dept 7PM	16	17-7:30 to 9:30 pm Street Dance to ben- efit ballfield project
18	19-10AM Rural Car- riers	20	21	22-Fire Dept 7PM	23	24
25	26	27	28	29-Fire Dept 7pm / Selectmen sign war- rant	30	31

## AUGUST 1999-TOWN OF LAMOINE SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2-7pm Planning Board	3	4	5-7pm Fire Dept	6	7
<i>The Town Office will be closed all this week due to floor refinishing &amp; vacation. Business will be conducted Thurs-Sat at Lamoine School</i>						
8	9	10	11	12-7pm Fire Dept	13-FD Auction 6PM	14
<i>The Town Office will be closed all this week due to floor refinishing. Business will be conducted Thurs-Sat at Lamoine School</i>						
15	16	17	18	19-7:00 PM Fire Dept	20	21
22	23	24	25	26-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 PM Fire Dept	27	28
29	30	31	<i>The Planning Board Meeting on August 2nd will be held at the School. The school board meeting schedule had not been set as of publishing time.</i>			

## SEPTEMBER 1999-TOWN OF LAMOINE SCHEDULE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>The School Board meeting and Planning Board meeting have not been finalized at publishing time.</i>			1-School Begins	2-7pm Fire Dept	3	4
5	6-Office Closed, Labor Day	7	8	9-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	10	11
12	13-7pm Planning Board	14	15	16-7pm Fire Dept	17	18
19	20	21	22	23-6:15 Selectmen 7:00 Fire Dept	24	25
26	27	28	29	30-7pm Fire Dept		

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